



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-052

Incident Number: 2021-20202319

Date of Incident 11/25/2021

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Stabbing call. The complainant advised the victim had been stabbed in the chest and was bleeding badly. The suspect and victim were now back inside the location together. The location was a multi-addressed row of individual apartments that shared a common walkway. When officers arrived at the location, they encountered a male standing in the doorway of the target location, smoking a cigarette. He was determined to be the suspect in the stabbing. The suspect refused to cooperate with directions and was postured in the doorway preventing officers from entering. Officers had confirmed the victim was inside the location. The victim's current medical state was unknown and there was an exigency to get to him and provide medical care. Officers provided the suspect multiple opportunities to comply and advised him that force may be used against him. Officers had probable cause for 1st Degree Assault, and the suspect was obstructing their investigation. One officer deployed his TASER. It had the desired effect, creating neuromuscular incapacitation. Officers quickly moved past the suspect and entered the apartment, locating the victim in a back bedroom. The victim had an obvious stab wound to his upper chest area and had been stabbed in the neck and back. Officers provided emergency medical care to the victim (chest seal to upper chest stab wound). Medics entered the scene, treated the victim for his wounds, and transported him to the hospital. The suspect was apprehended and booked into jail for 1st Degree Assault and Obstructing.

